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Joe Meade has a deep passion for recreation that started on the Deschutes National Forest as an interpreter at the Lava Lands Visitor Center, now a National Monument. Today, Joe's 38-year natural resource career spans five Forest Service Regions, the Washington Office, four Forests, and two Ranger Districts. Joe was the Forest Supervisor on the Chugach National Forest for seven years; Regional Director of Recreation, Heritage & Wilderness Resources in the Southwest Region (R3) for 5 years; and Recreation Developed Sites Program Leader for 7 years in the Washington Office.

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